

WASHINGTON COUNTY (UTAH). COUNTY RECORDER ^[1325]

GRANTOR INDEXES, 1888-ongoing

7 microfilm reels

DESCRIPTION: Utah law requires that each county recorder shall keep a grantor index, which indexes all deeds and final judgments affecting the title or possession of real property. This index must include: grantor's or seller's name in alphabetical order, grantee's name, date of the instrument, date of filing, kind of instrument, number of instrument, consideration, book and page number where recorded, and a brief description of the premises (Utah Code, Unannotated, 1988, 17- 21- 6). This law, enacted by the Territorial Legislature in 1888, prompted the Washington County recorder to begin keeping this index (Laws of the Territory of Utah, 1888, chapter XLIX, section 7). The grantor index provides access to a wide variety of documents relating to land ownership. These include different kinds of deeds, mortgages, notices, affidavits, decrees, mining claims and patents. The Washington County recorder also made reference to some documents not related to land ownership. These include military discharges, bonds and oaths of office.

ARRANGEMENT: The county recorder kept a running index, grouping entries according to the first letter of the grantor's surname. Under each letter she filed entries chronologically.

RESEARCH NOTE: The recorder designated sections of Books 1, 2 and 3 to make entries for each letter of the alphabet. When a particular section became full, she continued entries at the end of a section designated for a different letter. In Books 1 and 3 this is occasional, but in Book 2, the recorder continued in a different sections so frequently that the index is extremely confusing. Each letter is also continued in the next book on a different date. In Book 1, for example, inclusive dates for the letter B are 1888-1917, and for K they are 1888-1937. Book 2 includes 1917-1934 for B and no entries for K. Entries in Book 3 commence between 1931

and 1937 and all end in January 1940. Beginning with Book 4, each book has specific inclusive dates, with the exception that entries are carried from Book 10 to 11 on different dates for different letters. In Book 5 the recorder frequently used pages preprinted for the grantee index. The words "grantee" and "grantor" should be reversed to properly read the index.

RELATED RECORDS: The grantor indexes provide an index to seller or giver in the following Washington County records to the extent that these records were recorded after 1888: DEEDS (SAINT GEORGE), series 23286; DEEDS (WASHINGTON), series 23262; DEEDS, (PINE VALLEY), series 23264; DEEDS, (SILVER REEF), series 23263 ; DEEDS, (TOQUERVILLE), series 23265; WATER CERTIFICATES AND DEEDS, series 23251 ; MINING RECORDS, series 81372; MORTGAGES, series 82705; LAND CERTIFICATES, series 23279; CEMETERY DEEDS, series 19511; MISCELLANEOUS RECORD BOOKS, series 82707 ; AGREEMENTS AND LEASES, series 84209; MILITARY DISCHARGES, series 84234; OATHS OF OFFICE AND BONDS, series 23518; AUDITOR'S TAX DEEDS, series 84213; MINING PROOF OF LABOR, series 23671; MINING DEEDS, series 23669; MINING NOTICES OF LOCATION, series 81372 ; and OFFICIAL RECORDS, series 7067. Series 82703, GRANTEE INDEXES contain the same information, but are arranged according to buyer or recipient.

PROCESSING NOTE: The Washington County grantor indexes were microfilmed by Utah State Archives in April 1988 and processed by Rosemary Cundiff in January 2001.

PREFERRED CITATION: Cite the Utah State Archives and Records Service, the creating agency name, the series title, and the series number.

CONTAINER LIST

Reel	Description
1	Jun 1888-ongoing (Book 1)
1	ongoing (Book 2)
1	ongoing-Jan 1940 (Book 3, A-M)
2	ongoing-Jan 1940 (Book 3, M-Z)
2	Jan 1940-Feb 1947 (Book 4)
2	Feb 1947-Sep 1954 (Book 5, A-M)
3	Feb 1947-Sep 1954 (Book 5, M-Z)
3	Sep 1954-Jul 1960 (Book 6)
3	Aug 1960-Oct 1968 (Book 7, A-B)
4	Aug 1960-Oct 1968 (Book 7, B-Z)
4	Oct 1968-Oct 1973 (Book 8, A-R)
5	Oct 1968-Oct 1973 (Book 8, S-Z)
5	Oct 1973-Aug 1977 (Book 9)

Reel	Description
5	Aug 1977-ongoing (Book 10, A-E)
6	Aug 1977 -ongoing (Book 10, F-Z)
6	ongoing-Nov 1983 (Book 11, A-B)
7	ongoing-Nov 1983 (Book 11, B-Z)